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Interview Summary

Applicants thank Examiner Vargot for the courtesy of a telephonic interview on December 6, 2004. Speaking on behalf of the Applicants was their undersigned representative. This document is provided in accord with the requirements of MPEP Section 713.04.

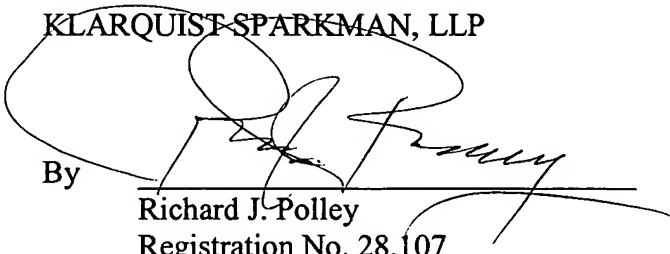
During the interview, the patentability of claims 1 and 30 was discussed, along with the significance of the patent documents applied by the Examiner in rejections appearing in the final Office action. The amendment filed on December 1, 2004, also was discussed. In particular, it was discussed that the cited patents do not show or suggest coagulating a chitin solution comprising chitin and a solvent to form a chitin gel that comprises said solvent and pressing the chitin gel to form a chitin film. It was further discussed that the cited patents do not show or suggest mixing two or more polymer solutions to form a colloidal precipitate, dispersion or coacervate (matrix precursor) wherein the polymer in at least one of the solutions is chitin which is insoluble in one or more of the other solutions.

No agreement was reached regarding patentability, but the Examiner said he would give the matter further consideration and would respond to the amendment.

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